

**INDIANA COMMISSION ON AGING (COA)  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 19, 2008**

**INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH, CONFERENCE ROOM 17  
402 W. WASHINGTON STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

**COA Members in Attendance:** Richard (Dick) Grace, Noble Stallons, Roxsandra Clemons-McFarthing, Geneva Sams, John (Bob) Johnson, Humbert Lopes

**COA Members Absent:** Glen Bonsett, Ed Gottschling, Doris Parker, Lena Roberson

**Staff in Attendance:** Celeste Stinson, Willie Poindexter, Michael Metroka, Alice Kelsey, Jade Luchauer

**Visitors:** Paul Chase, Judy Kratzner, Michael Sullivan

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Noble Stallons brought the meeting to order. A motion was made to approve the minutes and was seconded, with unanimous approval from the Commission.

**Division of Aging Update:** Celeste Stinson provided an update for the Commission. She reviewed the application process for filling a vacant position on a Board or Commission and listed the appointment end dates for each COA member at the request of Chairperson Stallons. Additionally, Celeste thanked the Commissioners for their work on the COA Mission and Goals on behalf of Megan Ornellas.

Alice Kelsey is the new ADRC contact at the Division of Aging. She introduced herself and provided an update on ADRCs, including that each site expects to be fully functional by the end of September.

Geneva Sams mentioned she knows of many people who have had difficulty with the new Medicaid system. Jade Luchauer said she would have the Division of Aging liaison contact her to follow up on the issue.

**Mission and Goals:** Roxsandra distributed updated copies of the COA Mission and Goals. Commissioners then further discussed the Mission and Goals and Roxsandra said she will make the recommend changes and distribute the updated document prior to the next COA meeting.

There was a discussion on what the responsibilities of the COA are in relation to the area agencies as some of the duties that were done in the past aren't required of them now.

The Commission discussed the current role of the COA and how that has changed from past duties. Chairperson Stallons clarified the current duties of the Commission on Aging and said they are to be advocates for the elderly and disabled. Additionally, the updated COA Mission and Goals are intended to show the alignment between the COA and the

State of Indiana's plan to transition from institutional care to home and community based services.

A motion was made to accept the Mission and Goals changes and was seconded, with unanimous approval from the Commission.

**Alzheimer's Update:** Michael Sullivan, Director of Government Relations for the Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter, spoke to the COA about Alzheimer's disease and current initiatives. Michael said they are interested in creating an Alzheimer's State Plan in cooperation with the State of Indiana. Some Commission members inquired about what other states are doing and Michael said states that are at the forefront of Alzheimer's planning include Iowa, Kentucky and Michigan. Michael said he will present some state prototype plans at the next COA meeting.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Building Community Capacity:** Chairperson Stallons discussed transportation and housing and asked Commission members to find out how their local community was addressing these needs. Chairperson Stallons also reviewed a tool for calculating how "senior friendly" a community's transportation services are that he had distributed at the previous COA meeting. Commission members Dick Grace, Humbert Lopes, and Geneva Sams all discussed transportation services their respective areas offer.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, with unanimous approval from the Commission.